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Esperat Faces Administrative Charges Ferrer Gets Clean Slate

Administrative charges are facing Chief of Police Antonio T. Esperat for alleged negligence in connection with the shooting last April 24 in which Kagui Adil Tambis was killed. The charges are reportedly being instituted by the Governor.

It was learned that Esperat's alleged negligence lies in the fact that although he was at the police station at the time of the incident, he failed to apprehend the car in which the participants in the shooting were riding. The car was reported to have passed right by the police station.

Chief Esperat was called to PC headquarters yesterday for questioning, presumably in connection with the reported administrative charges which may be filed against him.

It was only last March 20 that Esperat was reinstated to his position as chief of police of Cotabato after having been under suspension for almost two years.

Case Vs. PC Patrol Remanded to CFI

Upon motion of Lieut. Narciso Y. Digamon, Adjutant, PC, acting as defense counsel, waiving the right of preliminary hearing, the case filed by the Fiscal's Office against Lieut. Mucio P. Cabelin and some PC soldiers has been remanded to the Court of First Instance.

The preliminary hearing of the case has originally been set for May 16 before the justice of the peace of Dinaig. Lieut. Digamon is appearing as counsel for the PC officers and enlisted men.

Lt Cabelin, and some PC soldiers and Moro civilians were charged last month with quadruple murder and double frustrated murder in an information filed by Assistant Prov. Fiscal Gregorio D. Dapozza in connection with the Sapalan incident in which four persons were killed.

Rosary Said Over Radio Daily During May

All radio owners are advised that each morning during the month of May the rosary is said over station DZPI between 6:15 6:30 a.m. All are urged to join

Bienvenido M. Ferrer, former assistant agent of the Philippine National Bank, Cotabato Agency, was acquitted of the charge of estafa through negligence in a decision rendered by Hon. Arsenio Solidum recently. Ferrer was accused, together with Bernardo Bagamaspad and Ben D. Dulduco, of having defrauded the PNB by causing the payment to Dulduco of the second instalment of ₱1,800.00 on his special crop loan although it had previously been paid by the bank.

The three co-accused were originally charged with estafa, but this was later changed by the prosecution, over the vigorous objection of the defense, to estafa through reckless imprudence. In the course of the trial, the charges against Bagamaspad were dropped, while Dulduco and Ferrer were granted separate trials.

The prosecution alleged Ferrer's principal act of negligence was his failure to consult the report of Special Crop Loan Ins-

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NATIONAL CRUSADE OF PRAYER FOR PEACE DURING MAY

Rosary and May Devotions to be Offered for Peace

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Fire Department A "Must" Item In Coming Budget

Appropriation for the Cotabato fire department will receive top attention in the preparation of this coming fiscal year's budget, according to R. D. Macrohon, provincial treasurer. Macrohon disclosed to the "Cross" that he has instructed Municipal Treasurer C. A. Pasco to include this item even at the cost of disregarding other projects.

Plans for an efficient, modern fire-fighting system require an initial appropriation of around ₱20,000.00. Attention was focused on this project to protect the people who have rebuilt after the fire, and to insure

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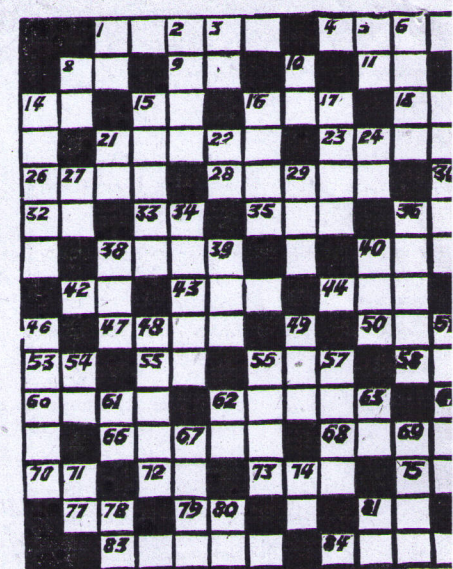
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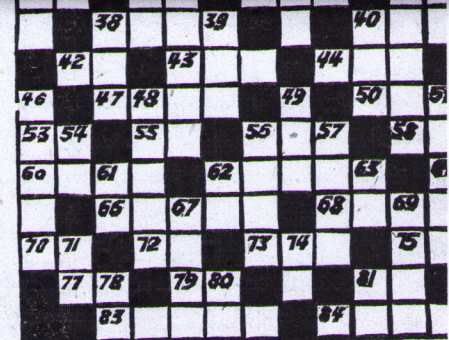
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